

EDAD 639 – Administrative Practicum
Chadron State College
Reflection #6
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Administrative Log: April 2015

Documented Learning Experiences:

1. Educational Networking with the use of Twitter
Educational accounts followed include but not limited to:
 - School Software Group – Curriculum
 - NAESP – National Association of Elementary School Principals
 - NASSP – National Association of Secondary Principals
 - NSBA – National School Boards Association
 - NCSA Today – Nebraska Council of School Administrators
 - NASB – Nebraska Association of School Boards
 - Karen Haase – Nebraska School Law Attorney
 - AdvancED
 - NWEA (MAP Assessments)
 - Learning Forward
 - NEA – National Education Association
 - US. Dept. of Education
 - ASCD
2. Professional Organization Membership - Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA)

Addressed ISLLC Standard:

Standard #6: A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

Standard Indicators:

1. Investigate the vehicles that district administrators use to remain current regarding legal issues.

Review of Educational Networking Relating to Education and Professional Organization Membership

Throughout my practicum experience, one challenge and question that I have asked many administrators relates to the process of staying up-to-date with current legislation and law that can have tremendous impacts on education. As a teacher and an educational leader, educational law and legislation can greatly affect one's classroom, school, district, and community. Where do educators and instructional leaders find the time and resources needed to remain up-to-date with current legislation and school law?

One resource that I have turned to that supports both legislation and law as related to education is Twitter. The use of social media is on a dramatic rise with people, especially the students we are responsible for teaching and mentoring. Educational leaders can also use social media outlets such as Twitter for networking, sharing ideas/content, and receiving updates related to educational legislation and school law. I have found that the use of Twitter to learn more about school law and legislation has provided me an opportunity to further my understanding of each area. By following national/state educational organizations, key leaders in education, key leaders in the field of school law, and relevant educational groups I have developed an educational network that I can count on for quality and accurate information when needed.

When I was thinking about my reflections of learning and documenting the time appropriately, I chose to only document these learning experiences for the month of April. I have been an active Twitter user (@ConroyKellen) longer than I have been enrolled in this class and have used the social media outlet for support in

other educational areas as well such as Math and Science. The use of Twitter to receive educational updates is not a time consuming task. It takes merely minutes to seek out the information that is needed or wanted in relation to educational legislation or school law. With the numerous amounts of information that is available at our fingertips, educators need to embrace the use of technology as a tool for professional learning.

Another venue in which educators can receive top-quality information relating to school law and educational legislation is through the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA). While in the classroom, I joined NCSA early in my journey of completing my program in educational administration. This year, I rejoined the organization and have been very satisfied with the communication, information, and opportunities for networking provided by NCSA.

Dr. Mike Dulaney, the Executive Director of NCSA, provides constant updates to members relating to legislation that is being discussed, proposed, or voted on in our state's unicameral. It is interesting to read the updates and discover what bills are being proposed and could potential have a large impact on the education system of our state. I have included my postcard that was received after joining NCSA that shares the vision of NCSA and provides a method of contact for further educational support. Based on my experiences with NCSA (Attending a NCSA for Administrators day in Lincoln -2013 and Administrator Days in Kearney 2013, 2014, and again this year) I would highly recommend practicing and perspective administrators to join and participate in this great statewide professional organization.



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Thank you for your membership in the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA). Your support is indeed very appreciated.

Your dues investment will be used to continue our work to address issues of importance to Nebraska school administrators, to maintain an excellent training and development program that meets your professional needs, and to maintain a presence within the Nebraska legislative process.

Through the help of your membership and participation, NCSA will continue to be a cutting edge professional association with a mission to improve the quality of public education in Nebraska.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can help you in any way (phone numbers on reverse). Also, please feel free to visit your association headquarters located at 455 S. 11th Street in Lincoln.

Dr. Michael Dulaney
Executive Director